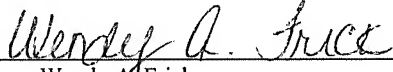


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PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. The shortened period for response expired December 19, 2006, accordingly Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time. Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$450.00 for payment of the two month extension of time to deposit account number 03-0172. The extended due date for this response therefore is February 19, 2007. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this response, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this response to deposit account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the application as follows: